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Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General*

I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, dated 22 September 2017, on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the "sentence" of the so-called "Zaliznychnyi district court of the city of Simferopol" in the case of a citizen of Ukraine, Mykola Semena

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over yet another shameful act of infringement of the fundamental freedoms and the rights of Ukrainian citizen, journalist Mykola Semena.

The groundless and politically motivated "sentence" of Mykola Semena by the occupation court to 2.5 years in prison with probation proves again that repressions are targeted by the aggressor state against the residents of the occupied Ukrainian territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine calls upon the foreign governments and international human rights organizations not to leave the new attack by Russia, the aggressor state, against fundamental freedoms on the territory of the temporarily occupied Crimea without response.